



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

NAKAMURA et al.

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**For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING
METHOD OF THE UNIT**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	11	11	-XX (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	3	3	-XX (Over 3)	x \$200	0
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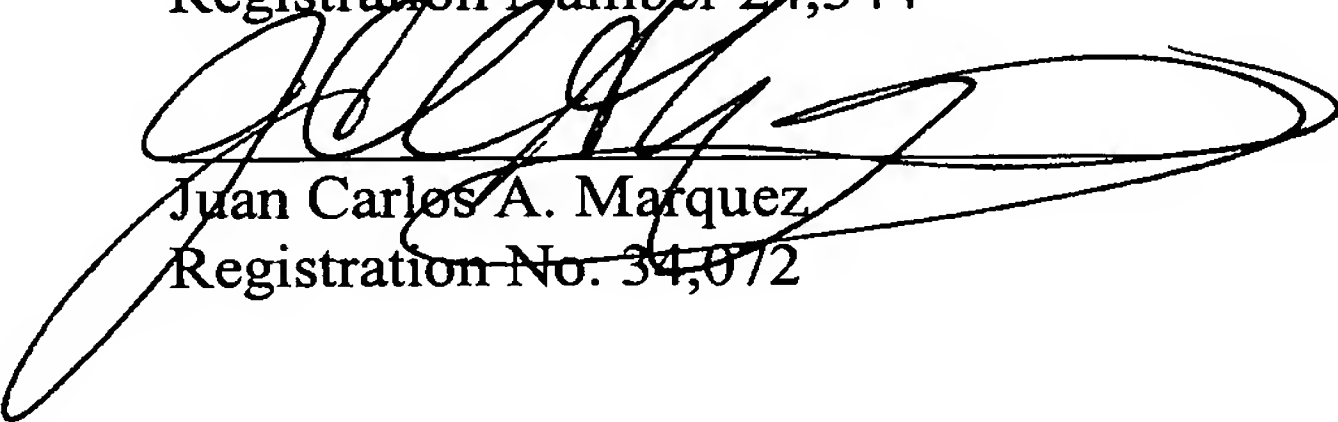
[x] Response to Office Action
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[] Substitute Specification
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[x] Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)
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